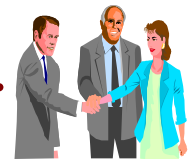




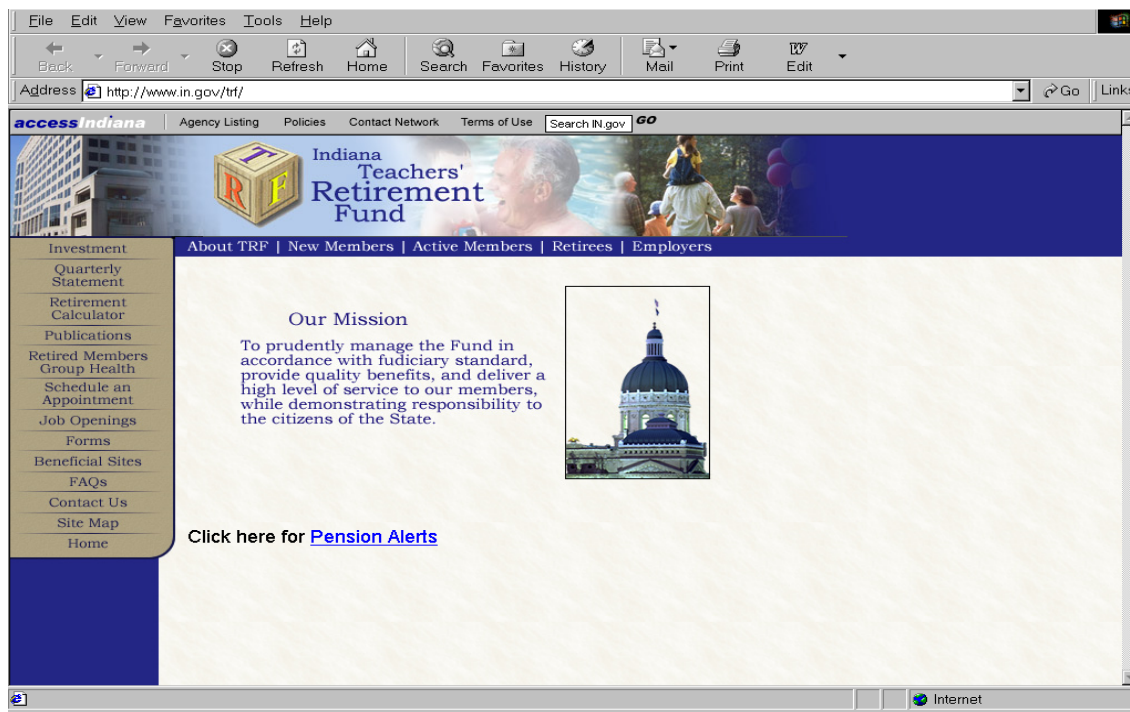
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Welcome to the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund Web Page



Web site Services

The new TRF web site offers an array of services and information concerning both the active member and the retiree. Simply by clicking www.in.gov/trf/ members will be able to:

- Use the **benefit calculator** to calculate their retirement date. The calculator can also calculate future retirement benefits when the estimated retirement date, average salary and years of service are inputted.
- Access **handbooks** for active and retired members.
- Get the most commonly asked questions answered by viewing the **Frequent Asked Questions (FAQ)** page.
- Access the **Pre-retirement event calendar** to find out when TRF counselors will be conducting pre-retirement workshops in your area.
- **Investment information** including Quarterly Reports and yearly information.
- **Change investment allocations and addresses** on-line without making a phone call or taking time to send it through mail.
- View the **group health insurance** plan, which explains the group health plan available and assists members in evaluating their own health insurance needs.
- View the experience and training of the **Board of Trustees**.
- **Check investment plans**, which keeps members updated as to how their funds are doing and whether they need to make a change.
- **Complete and send forms on-line**, therefore, reducing phone calls and mail.
- Read **pension alerts**, which inform members of important information pertaining to their pensions and the Fund.

An Easier Life for Employers

The creation of the new TRF web site in February 2002 was a project intended to not only help active and retired members, but also employers.

Employers can enjoy a section devoted entirely to them. These are just a few items employers can find on the web site:

- ⌘ Pre-enrollment information
- ⌘ Employer Payment Transfer
- ⌘ The Employer Handbook
- ⌘ Frequently Asked Questions

and much more to come.

Employers are very important to TRF. We welcome any suggestions and/or comments on how to improve our web site to better serve the needs of TRF employers.

Passwords for Electronic Payment Transfer and Pre-enrollment

Each participating school will be given a user name and password for Electronic Payment Transfer and for Pre-enrollment. Once logged into the site, schools will be able to submit P-31 totals, payments, and difference explanations. TRF will pay for one user for Pre-enrollment and one user for Electronic Payment Transfers per school unit. Each additional user will require an additional subscription at a fee of \$5.00 annually.

Security

Members have expressed a concern about sharing personal information. All personal information such as TRF number, Social Security Number, and Birth Date are never distributed to any outside source. All information supplied to TRF is confidential and secure.

COMING SOON:

WAGE AND CONTRIBUTION SUBMISSION ON-LINE

Are you tired of saving Wage and Contribution Reports to disk and sending them through snail mail to TRF? Soon employers will be able to submit Wage and Contribution Reports on-line. More details coming soon.

Contacting The Fund

You can find out about the following at our main numbers:

(317) 232-3860

Toll-Free (888) 286-3544

- ✓ Benefit Check Deductions
- ✓ Benefit Check Health Insurance
 - ✓ Deductions
 - ✓ Counseling
 - ✓ Death Reports
 - ✓ Direct Deposits
 - ✓ Lost Checks
 - ✓ Service Credit
 - ✓ Withdrawals

Other Services:

Investments..... (317) 232-3868

TDD/TTY..... (317) 233-3306

Director's Office... (317) 232-3869

FAX Number..... (317) 232-3882

Visit our site on the World Wide Web at:
<http://www.in.gov/trf>

You can send our office an electronic mail message at: **trf@state.in.us**

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Just for Laughs

Lipstick at School

According to a news report, a certain private school in Victoria recently was faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirror, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror.